

FERAL SWINE SURVEILLANCE IN MICHIGAN

The feral swine working group is a multi-agency team of experts from the Michigan Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services and Veterinary Services. The feral swine working group partners with private land owners, the livestock industry and the sport hunting community to prevent the establishment of feral swine in Michigan.

To date, the following 63 counties with confirmed free-roaming swine that are opened for swine removal: Allegan, Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Baraga, Bay, Branch, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Cheboygan, Clare, Clinton, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Eaton, Emmet, Genesee, Gladwin, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Isabella, Ionia, Iosco, Houghton, Ingham, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lake, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Marquette, Mason, Mecosta, Menominee, Midland, Monroe, Montcalm, Montmorency, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oakland, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Ottawa, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee, St. Clair, St. Joseph, Tuscola, Washtenaw, Wayne, and Wexford.

Hunters with a valid Michigan hunting license of any type are encouraged to shoot feral swine (free-ranging wild pigs). Hunters may shoot only during designated Michigan hunting hours. The agencies have received hundreds of emails and phone calls from Michigan hunters requesting reported locations of feral swine, and the requirements needed to pursue them.

The feral swine interagency working group has received reports from individuals in 68 counties since November, 2006. Swine roaming in groups of two or more animals have been reported in a total of 40 counties in Michigan: 37 counties in the Lower Peninsula and 3 counties in the Upper Peninsula.

Property, agriculture, or habitat damage due to feral swine has been reported in 17 counties in Michigan: 16 in the Lower Peninsula and 1 in the Upper Peninsula

To date, 204 feral swine have been shot in 45 counties: 43 counties in the Lower Peninsula and 2 counties in the Upper Peninsula.

Tissue and/or blood samples have been collected for disease testing from 57 animals. Testing includes screening for classic swine fever, swine brucellosis, pseudorabies, bovine TB, and trichinosis. Testing for pseudorabies has shown 8 positive samples from feral pigs tested. All other disease testing samples have been negative.



Marquette County, Michigan, May. 2008. Feral pig scat.



Shiawassee County, Michigan, Nov. 2006



Washtenaw County, Michigan, Sept. 2008

Feral Swine Update 05/05/09

Feral Swine reported or taken by County

County	Swine sightings	Swine taken	Comments
Alcona		1	
Allegan	3	3	
Alpena	2	4	1 Car kill
Antrim	3		Skull found on property
Arenac	8	2	Several reported in group
Baraga	6	32	Several reported in group
Barry	2		
Bay	2	5	1 Car kill
Berrien	1	1	
Branch	3	1	Several reported in group
Calhoun	2		Several reported in group
Cass	2	1	Several reported in group
Cheboygan	9	11	Several reported in group
Clare	3	2	Several reported in group
Clinton	3	2	
Crawford	1		Several reported in group
Delta	3		
Dickinson	2		
Eaton	3	1	
Emmet	1		Several reported in group
Genesee	2	2	Damage reported
Gladwin	5	2	20+ pigs seen repeatedly
Grand Traverse (new)		1	
Gratiot	25	19	20+ pigs seen repeatedly
Hillsdale	6	4	
Houghton	6		
Huron	2	1	CO kill, damage reported
Ingham	3	1	Several reported in group
Ionia	1		
Iosco	3		Damage reported
Iron	2		
Kalamazoo	1		Several reported in group
Kent	4		
Jackson	2	4	
Lake	1		Several reported in group
Leelanau	1		Several reported in group
Lenawee	6	2	1 car kill, several pigs seen
Livingston	2		
Marquette	8	1	Several reported in group
Mason	5	11	Several reported in group
Mecosta	2	1	
Menominee	4		Several reported in group
Midland	14	8	Several reported in group
Missaukee		1	Car kill
Monroe		1	Fall, 2004
Montcalm	3	3	
Montmorency	1	4	Several reported in group
Muskegon	3	4	
Newaygo	3		Several reported in group
Oakland	4		Several reported in group
Oceana	5	8	Several reported in group
Ogemaw	2	11	Several reported in group
Osceola		1	
Oscoda	1		30 pigs in a group
Otsego	4	1	Several reported in group
Ottawa		7	Several reported in group
Presque Isle		2	
Roscommon	3	1	Several reported in group
Saginaw	5	19	Several reported in group
Sanilac		3	
Shiawassee	4	1	
St. Clair	2	2	Car kill
St. Joseph	1		
Tuscola	1	1	
Van Buren	1		
Washtenaw	23	7	Several reported in group
Wayne	1		
Wexford	1	1	
Unknown		3	
Total	68	232	204

-Data includes reports from historical records from MDNR, MDA, and various Animal Control agencies from 2001-2005. Data from 2006-2009 was collected via phone calls and email reports.

Counties approved for the opportunistic take of feral Swine (63):

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Counties pending approval: Grand Traverse, Huron, Iron, Leelanau, Macomb, Missaukee, Van Buren

Counties where feral pig damage has been reported: Allegan, Alpena, Arenac, Bay, Berrien, Genesee, Gladwin, Gratiot, Iosco, Kent, Marquette, Oceana, Ottawa, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee, Washtenaw

54 pigs have been reported killed in 2008-9 thus far.

8 of 57 feral swine tested positive for PRV. All 8 within 5 miles of PRV Surv. Zone #1. All other disease tests negative.



Saginaw County, Michigan, Nov. 2008. Feral pig track- Left, deer track- Right. 80 acre corn field damaged by feral pigs.



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